



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

St Joseph's Tewkesbury St Nicholas' Winchcombe St Thomas More Cheltenham

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday

[Psalter 4, Proper of the Season]

- Saturday 29th March Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm
St Thomas More *[David Cronin RIP]*
- Sunday 30th St Joseph's Tewkesbury
Mass 9.00am *[Sear Family Special Int]*
- St Nicholas' Winchcombe
Mass 11.00am *[Alec Crook 5th Anniversary]*
- Monday 31st Weekday of Lent
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm
- Tuesday 1st April Weekday of Lent
St Thomas More *Stations of the Cross* 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm *[People of the Parish]*
- Wednesday 2nd Weekday of Lent
St Joseph's *Stations of the Cross* 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[Elizabeth Wright]*
- Thursday 3rd Weekday of Lent
St Nicholas' Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*
- Friday 4th St Nicholas' *Stations of the Cross*
10.30am followed by Mass 11.00am
- Saturday 5th St Thomas More Cheltenham

"WE DARE TO HOPE" COURSE 6.45pm-8.30pm

SINGING PRACTICE FOR EASTER VIGIL 4.00pm

Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm
[People of the Parish]

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- Sunday 6th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
[People of the Parish]
- St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
With Children's Liturgy
[People of the Parish]

Parish office St Joseph's Church, Chance Street,
Tewkesbury GL20 5RF 01684 293273

Email tewkesbury.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com

Joby.lukose@cliftondiocese.com 01242 781516



Scan QR for website: threesaintsgloucs.org.uk

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast

1st Reading [Joshua 5: 9a-12] *The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover*

Responsorial Psalm
Taste and see that the Lord is good

2nd Reading [2 Corinthians 5: 17-21]
'God who, through Christ, reconciled us to himself.'

Acclamation before the Gospel
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you" **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus**

Gospel [Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32]
Your brother was dead and is alive.

Communion Antiphon You must rejoice my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life, he was lost and is found.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

IN YOUR PRAYERS + Please remember all the sick in our parish. Deceased parishioners with anniversaries in March are:

ST THOMAS MORE: Richard Johnson, Sarah McKittrick, Mary Counsell.

ST JOSEPH'S: Sid Jones, Kathleen Bevan, Herbert Dadge, Margaret Cussick, William Mellor, Beatrice Clegg, Aziza Long and Mary O'Dee

ST NICHOLAS': Nora Stockton, Monica Donovan, Pat Wilkinson, Jill Labrum, David Mottram, Deacon Peter Doran, Keith Dines, Margaret Smy, Mary Murphy, Lucy Pisani, Janice Roscoe, Fred Davidson, Philip and Mary Smyth, Patricia Howat & Martin Nolan .

MOTHERING SUNDAY + This weekend we celebrate Mothers. We think of those who are or once were our Mothers, people who have taken the place of Mothers and some of us celebrate most of all being Mothers. **Happy Mother's Day!**

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY +. This Sunday we have a 2nd collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund for our diocese. This annual collection helps support our sick and retired priests. It allows us to help retired priests living on their own with rental costs and utility bills; it goes towards care home fees where needed; and also enables us to help with medical costs. We currently pay out over £300,000 per year to support our sick and retired priests. Your generosity is much appreciated, and we do hope that you are able to make a generous donation.

NEPAL APPEAL + Congratulations to all who organised and took part in the recent Quiz/ Fish and Chip /Raffle at Saint Thomas More church. A magnificent £701 was raised on the night for the forest school in Nepal. The parish is also most grateful to the **Benhall Fish Bar** who supplied the fish supper. Without their generosity, the profit on the evening would not have been quite so magnificent – although perhaps the greatest result of the night was the fun and friendship shared by all. Thank you for your support, once again.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING + Please note the continuation of the study course which takes place on Tuesday evening after evening Mass here at our Church, entitled "We Dare to Hope"

SINGING PRACTICE + Please note the opportunity to practice the music and singing for our Easter Vigil. We need as many voices raised in praise as possible. All most welcome on Saturday 5th at 4.00pm

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION + Tuesday 1 April at 2.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall Cheltenham. Dr Austen Ivereigh is the author of two biographies of Pope Francis. He will speak to us on: ***The Triumph of Failure: Why did Jesus have to suffer?*** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to S Jamison 01242 539810.

PRAYER LINK + This week we pray for those in the parishes of **Holy Rood** Swindon and **St Peter** Swindon and also **Sacred Heart**, Royal Wootton Bassett

EASTER FLOWERS + Next weekend we take up collections in all three churches for Easter Flowers. 

JUBILEE CELEBRATION + Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him on **19 July** for a **Celebration of Hope at Downside School & Abbey**. In addition to keynote speakers, prayer & reflections we will be offering an exciting & joyful programme for children & young people. The **Rise Theatre Company** will be offering the workshops for our **12-16 age group**. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. A free hot lunch will be provided (lunch box for children/young people). Our Jubilee Celebration of Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3pm. There is a maximum of 300 tickets which are selling fast, so please register asap if you are interested in attending. To join us for the day, booking through **Eventbrite** is essential. Register via: <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For lunch, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required. If you have difficulty accessing Eventbrite, please contact us at adult.education@clifftondiocese.com

TUESDAY RESPONSES

Entrance Antiphon	All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord. Though you have no money, come and drink with joy
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold
Gospel Acclamation	Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Create a pure heart for me, O God; restore in me the joy of your salvation. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Communion Antiphon	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.